PRESIDENT: The question whether an officer attended a temple is immaterial. It is hoped that a Hindu will attend the temple in connection with Hindu festivals and it is also hoped that Hindu officers will every day attend temples. I trust that they will do so hereafter and I take it that Christians and Muslims will also attend their churches and mosques at the proper time. I find now that many Hindu officers do not attend Hindu temples. It is up to the Hindu officers to attend temples and see that Hindu observances are kept up and continued but that is quite an independent matter from the question of collecting funds which is a very serious affair.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: It is indeed regrettable to find that only this time a question was raised. When Mr. Mathew was the Assistant Peishkar, Chengannur, or when Mr. Kasim was the District Munsiff at Chengannur, even though such functions were conducted in the very same line, no such question was raised.

PRESIDENT: Did those officers attend the function?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: They went to the temple and supervised the whole function from outside.

PRESIDENT: Who is the present Assistant Peishkar, Chengannur?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Mr. S. Kochukrishna Pillai.

Sir, I must state that officers, in addition to their official capacity do possess the privilege of associating themselves with the religious functions and festivals.

PRESIDENT: All these matters are topics for discussion during the public enquiry. If it is found that as a result of the public enquiry unjust aspersions have been cast and that similar charges were not made when people of other communities were Assistant Peishkars, I think it is the right and the duty of Government to expose that position.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I am only sorry that this occasion was availed of by an honourable member of this House for this sort of purpose and in this manner.

Market contractors.

186 *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the fact that market contractors in Municipal and non-Municipal areas of the State are still charging for both handloads and headloads?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: The market contractors in Municipal areas are not restricted from charging for handloads and headloads. In regard to the non-Municipal areas the answer is in the negative.

MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether the market contractors in non-Municipal areas are collecting charges for both handloads and headloads from the Edapally market?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: As regards non-Municipal markets Government have passed orders to the effect that no charges should be collected for handloads and headloads.

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MR. K. BALAKRISHNA MENON: Have the Government received any complaints from the Edapally market on this question?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: No such complaint has been received by Government.

Lake in the Government Gardens.

187 * SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*): With reference to the statement contained in the Report on the Administration of the Government Gardens and the Zoo for 1118, that the gardens are divided into two sections, the top garden and the lower garden and that the attraction of the lower garden is that it has a small lake for boating, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of fee if any charged for boating;

(*b*) the weekly number of persons who avail themselves of the facilities afforded; and

(*c*) whether any scheme has been submitted to Government by the department concerned for developing this important item of recreation?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) Chs 8 per hour.

(*b*) the boat is in demand only occasionally and so weekly numbers cannot be given.

(*c*) No.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA: Since it is admitted that it is an item of public interest may I know whether the officer in charge will be asked to submit a scheme for the development of this important item of recreation?

PRESIDENT: There was an attempt made by Government to popularise boating and it was found that for the first year two people attended and afterwards the attendance fell. If the honourable member will bring about a certain amount of response from the public, Government will only be too glad to make arrangements in that behalf.

Principalship of the University Colleges.

188 * MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the dates on which the Principalship of the University College, Engineering College and Law College fell vacant and the dates on which these places were permanently filled up?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI:

Name of the College.	*Date on which the Principalship fell permanently vacant.*	*Date on which the Principalship was permanently filled up.*
University College ...	26-10-1117	26-10-1118
Engineering College ...	11-4-1119	11-4-1119
Law College ...	26-6-1120	Not yet permanently filled up.

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